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Women marched downtown in solidarity to Take Back the Night, Friday Sept. 18.

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Engineering students need own fee, exec says

by Alisa Smith

The Engineering Students' Society has recently accelerated efforts to collect its own membership fee, over and above UVic Students' Society fees, much as the law students have been doing for years.

Kaldean Brown, ESS president, said their membership unanimously passed the proposed $20 supplementary fee per academic term, to be collected directly by the university.

The fee would be refundable.

Brown said, "Why force someone to pay? Some people can't afford it. [Even] if students do not pay the fee, they still [will be] a part of the society."

At the moment, ESS members pay a voluntary fee of $10 per academic term.

The ESS made the request at the UVic Board of Governors meeting last week - UVic Secretary Sheila Collyer made a report recommending the BoG reconsider the requests if the ESS meets certain prerequisites, like becoming an incorporated society.

The BoG gave the UVSS until Feb. 28, 1993, to resolve the dispute with the ESS; the BoG may intervene after that.

Dayna Christ, chair of the UVSS, said, "I think it's probably not in [the BoG's] best interest ... to meddle in student affairs. This causes a risk of imposing greater and more authoritarian rule."

The UVSS would like to come to an agreement collectively with the ESS in committees and informal meetings, Christ said.

However, director of finance Marne Jensen said, "The ESS is not justified in their fee request," an engineering students' publication reported.

The UVSS presently allots funds indirectly to the ESS through the Course Union Council, which is then responsible to distribute a lump sum as it sees fit.

In a memo, Robert Worth, the UVic director of accounting services, said, "There appears to be a problem with the UVSS if as well intentioned and organized a group as the ESS can not obtain more than $70 per term for its activities."

This amount is not adequate, particularly when the keynote speakers the UVSS brings in are never technical, said Tom Lochbichler, Vice President Internal of the ESS.

"We need our own funding."

However, the ESS executive said they would rather not become a separate society on a par with the UVSS as Collyer's report recommended.

"That's not what we're looking for. We can't represent the views of all students on campus ... We want to do things for engineering students," said Brown.

Becoming a society also requires a lot more responsibility, money, and paperwork.

Trying to work around this option, the ESS asked the Student's society for a letter of support when they made their request of separate fee collection to the BoG.

Brown said, "Instead, they did the opposite. They sent a letter of non-support."

"The Students' Society wants autonomy from the BoG ... I find it really ironic. They're asking for what we're asking for," said Dave Garrison, secretary of the ESS.

Support networks have to work both ways.

"I'm not going to push [ESS] members to support them," Brown said.

The Board is considering a few possible ways of dealing with the problem, most likely through an increase in general student fees, with a larger percentage allotted to the Course Union Council, said Christ.

A raise in fees must be approved through a referendum, and the Course Union Council would then decide how much money each course union would receive.

The executive of the ESS said they do not feel the case will be resolved in their favour, at least at this stage.

Lochbichler said, "If it's up to the UVSS, our chances are non-existent."❑

SWAG waits on issue

by Rowena Hart

Victoria's Status of Women Action Group will not say whether it supports the National Action Committee's "vote no" referendum campaign until it has consulted with lawyers and polled its members on the issue.

SWAG chair Morag Martin said the group's executive council has discussed the recent NAC stand, but could not decide if supporting it is correct.

"Right now most people don't have enough information to decide 'yes' or 'no' on the issue," said Martin.

Martin said SWAG will seek legal advice from the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund on how the proposed constitutional changes affect existing human rights laws in the Charter of Rights.

LEAF has successfully fought human rights abuse cases using the Charter since 1982.

SWAG is concerned that changes to the constitution will override or dilute the basic human rights outlined in the Charter of Rights.

A poll of SWAG's members will help the executive council decide what action it should take regarding the NAC's breakaway "vote no" campaign.

Some SWAG members believe that the group should not support either side of the constitutional debate.

"The women felt that it was an individual issue, that the association couldn't decide for them," said SWAG member Joan Graves.

This is a more personal approach than the NAC takes.

"The NAC made an executive decision [to announce its stand without consulting affiliate groups]. Maybe it felt that it was a super important issue, or that it didn't have time," said Graves. ❑

• NEWS •

Students taught to unlearn racism

by Shawn Hall

"Racism is abuse" was the most important message of the Un-learning Racism forum on Sept. 16.

Mahinder Doman, an activist involved in issues of racism, emphasized this point repeatedly to the small audience of absorbed students.

She began by speaking of her experiences and thoughts on racism.

"It's the kind of bad [feeling] that just doesn't go away," Doman said.

She said racism has been with her since she was a young child. "It was when I went to school that I realized something was different."

Doman said she feels racism is "a manner in which fear, anger and guilt about actions or exploitations towards other races or cultures is expressed."

The discussion group agreed racism was about the abuse of power over others.

To maintain an atmosphere of free expression, Doman asked for individual names to be withheld.

All people have some degree of inherent racism and it is impossible to be completely free from it, the group said.

"All people have some degree of inherent racism."

However, this kind of racism can be fought on a personal level, which contributes to solving the problem on a larger scale.

Doman asked "should we all be the same? Should we all be clones or are there other ways to be?"

One of the participants said we are all different, but tolerance to those differences helps prevent racism.

The group discussed possible ways to combat racism. Doman said everyone is racist to some degree, whether through ignorance or deliberate teaching. Racism can be unlearned through education and an open mind.

Renny Worburton, a UVic sociology professor invited to speak at the forum, said racism has been around "virtually throughout human history." It has always been an in-group, out-group thing, a process of labelling.

He said racism has always taken two general forms, "subordination" or "exclusion."

For example, the Chinese in Canada in the 1890s were subordinated to form a lower working class that could be exploited to build the Canadian Pacific railroad.

Exclusion means being pushed out of society by the dominant culture, usually out of fear - like the anti-Asian clauses that have existed in Canadian immigration law, particularly during World War II.

"Should people be free to abuse others?"

Worburton said, "Maybe we should start looking at limiting freedom of speech. Should people be free to abuse others?"

The group said they thought freedom of speech should end when it takes freedom away from others.

"It is up to people like you and I to make sure we do all we can to stop racism. We can do what we can to stamp it out," said Worburton.

Any students interested in joining an anti-racism group on campus can stop by the UVSS office in the Student Union Building, and they will put you in contact with a group.❑

Choices sought

by Sean Simmons

The Canadian government launched a long term project in 1990 to study the effects of different logging methods on forest management, wildlife habitat and biological diversity.

In 1992, the government invested $1.9 million, the largest contribution yet over the past three years.

Peter Bradford, a forester currently working on this project with the B.C. Forest Service said he believes the solution to the complex problem is to make all logging decisions site and ecosystem specific.

To do this, he said a comprehensive understanding of the B.C. ecosystem must be assembled "so that field foresters make their decisions based on a full understanding of all the options available to them."

There are three alternative silvicultural systems the B.C. Forest Service is exploring as part of this project.

The seed tree method takes advantage of the biggest and best trees left after logging - their seeds are genetically superior, which helps regenerate a superior forest.

"Clearcutting is still the most common logging technique in British Columbia today."

A shelterwood system logs the trees using several cuts over a period of time, maintaining a constant canopy over the ground, protecting wildlife and biological diversity.

The third option, a selection system, maintains a constant forest cover where loggers cut trees singly or in small groups. It is therefore continuous, and best approximates the natural process - the preferred choice from an ecological perspective.

Clearcutting is still the most common logging technique used in British Columbia today.

The goal of the clearcut alternative project is to gather information on these different methods so better decisions can be made for the environment. ❑

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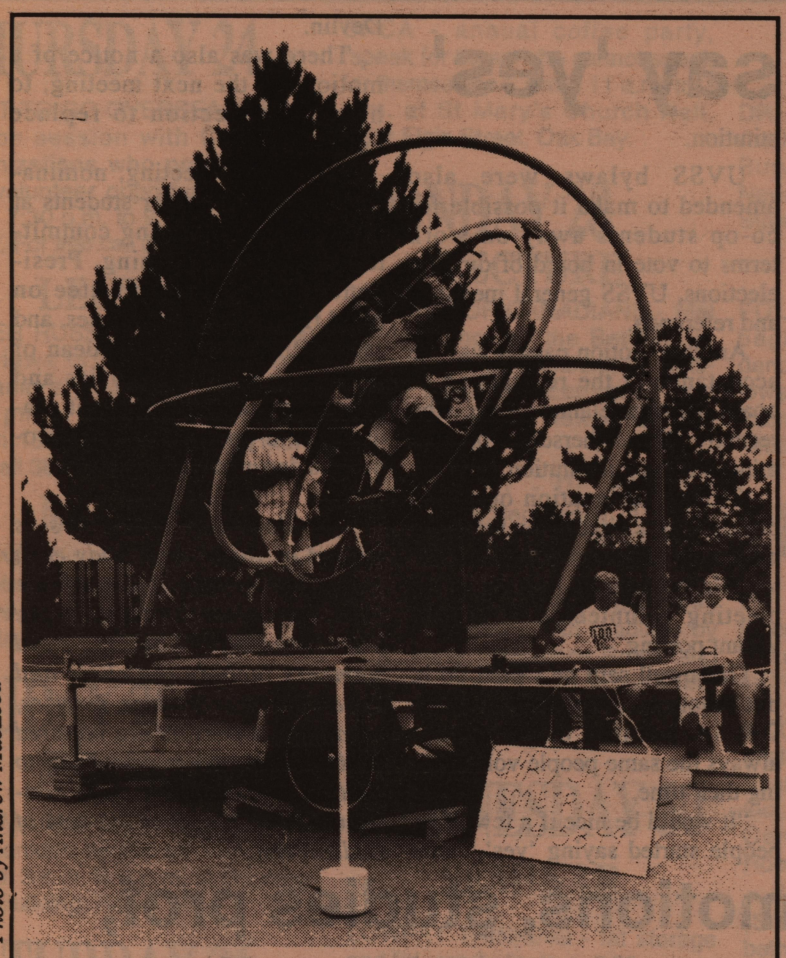

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Orientation is over; disorientation takes hold.

School harder for single moms

by Anna Hutson

Single mothers who decide to attend school have an additional full-time job on top of their studies, and an enormous responsibility.

The most obvious problem is lack of money.

The average Victoria household will spend $46,826 in 1992, based on Statistics Canada figures. The maximum student loan available for a student with any number of dependents is only $11,254.

An officer of the student financial aid office at UVic, Amanda, said, "It is usually the women who see the worst of poverty," because it is usually the mothers who take care of the children.

Karen is a UVic student, and the single mother of two teenagers. She finds it difficult to find money for her children's out of school activities.

She has received a student loan, and works part-time. Her son also has a part-time job to help with expenses.

She said a good thing the situation has taught her children is responsibility.

Of course, she has no money for her own extracurricular activities, and has had difficulties meeting new people.

Nettie Hayter had Victor in her third year. She said the father was quick to leave, assuming no financial responsibility. Fortunately, she had friends she could turn to for support.

With the help of fellow students, she took Victor to school with her until he was nine months old. She then took a semester off, and finally enrolled him in the UVic daycare when he was eighteen months old.

There are four daycares on the UVic campus, offering care starting at eighteen months, to after-school care for children six to twelve. The daycares are funded by the UVic students society.

There are presently 100 children in attendance at all daycares, and 60 on the waiting list. Seventy-five per cent of these are children of students; the rest are faculty's.

Discounts are offered to lower income groups, and further subsidization is available through the ministry of social services.

Even with the full discount and subsidization, Nettie still pays $50 monthly for childcare, as a result of a recent price hike.

She has received a student loan, and is also on the work-study program. The program is based on a seven hour week. However, she said on average she puts in a twenty hour week.

Nettie was one of 14,023 single parent students in B.C. who were authorized by the ministry of social services between January and June of 1992 for daycare money.

In B.C. $47,697,284 was spent in 1990/91 to subsidize daycare expenses.

It is "stressful trying to juggle family and school," said Karen.

In her first year, her son was in the hospital three times, which of course affected her schoolwork.

Nettie also finds it difficult when her son is sick. Daycares do not allow sick children to attend, so at these times she must find a babysitter, or not attend classes.

For both mothers, night classes are another problem since daycare is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Because she would have to hire another babysitter, Nettie has opted not to take any night classes, which limits her.

For Karen, the evening is the only time she has to spend with her children. She and her children attend school during the day. She feels guilty if she attends night classes.

These parents have the enormous task of uniting parenting, full-time school, and in some cases, a part-time job, with the additional disadvantage of poverty.

Although post-secondary education is almost imperative for a decent standard of living, it is extremely difficult for single parents to attain.❑

Life is looking grim in ravaged Yugoslavia, but future can only get worse

by Derek McNaughton

As if problems in former Yugoslavia could get any worse.

Already over 12,000 people are dead. Over 1.5 million citizens have been forced to flee their homes.

All humanitarian aid flights were suspended, after an Italian relief plane was shot down Sept. 3.

Sarajevo has scant supplies of water, no electricity, and remaining residents can find almost nothing to eat.

Now the United Nations Security Council is about to tear up Yugoslavia's membership card.

The resolution, to be voted on by members of the European Community this week, looks zipped shut, with Russia the only country to express reservations.

And while Germany, Greece and other countries look for ways to handle the billow of refugees - and Germany trying to control a racist, violent backlash of attacks against desperate immigrants - a few people in Victoria have asked "what the hell is wrong with the European Community?" and "what can Canadians do to help?"

To answer these questions, the Croatia Research Group, Pacific and Maritime Strategic Studies Group, and the Slavonic Studies Department of the University of Victoria sponsored a lecture by Dr. Leonard Cohen on Saturday night, called "Disintegration of Yugoslavia: Causes and Consequences."

Cohen, a political science professor at Simon Fraser University, has frequently appeared on CBC's "The Journal" and "The National" as a political analyst. He has written extensively on problems in the Balkans, and is about to release a new book titled *Disintegration of the Yugoslavian State.*

After an emotional introduction by UVic professor Zelimir Juricic who revealed a letter he received, signed by more than 35 University of Zagreb professors, pleading for him to "please do what you can...to stop this genocide, this culturocide, this destruction of our natural resources."

Holding up a small, charred remnant of a book page, he said, for them, "this is all that's left."

Cohen, although admitting that "answers" to why the second Yugoslavia collapsed "abound," pinpointed three areas which he says contributed to the country's current condition.

The first, he said, is the "problems associated with the demise of communism." This is followed by the "persistence of deep antagonisms between ethnic groups," and also the "failure of political leaders to agree on a new model" of political institutionalization, in a country now so severely severed.

He said these three problems combined are what "violently unleashed the ethnic strife."

"The true test of democracy is coming."

Cohen talked in length about communism's problems - elite corruption, skyrocketing inflation, food shortages, weak economic growth, and unhappy, dysfunctional people - but said it was wrong to separate the decline of the country from the decline of communism.

"What had been an extremely positive case, turned into a very negative case."

Sure, Josip Tito - Yugoslavia's elected president in 1953, and president for life in 1974 - may have broke from Russian dictator Joseph Stalin's ideals, but Tito was essentially an "anti-Stalinist Stalinist," he said, containing and oppressing intellectuals, using military force "to silent discontent."

This only fertilized "long periods of inter-ethnic peace - but no solutions to inter-ethnic resentments."

Today, "fighting is now the priority," Cohen said. For the long suffering people, this post-revolutionary hangover, this political transition, or scrapping of the old and creation of a new free market system, means "the true test of democracy is coming."

As a UN team searches seemingly in vain for a way to settle the war, for the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina, he said, "peace is still a distant goal."

"Until hate is distinguished, tragedy is destined to continue."❑

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• NEWS •

UVSS directors urged to just say 'yes'

by Andrew MacLeod

On the way to Cinecenta next Monday, stop by the SUB upper lounge after 6:30 p.m. to pick up free popcorn and see what the UVic students' society board of directors is up to.

Last Monday's BoD meeting began with a student presentation by Edward Sem about why the UVSS should take a 'yes' position on the constitutional question.

"I encourage you to vote 'yes' for a united Canada," said Sem.

Board member George Pringle mentioned in his report that his petition for a 'no' campaign is accumulating signatures.

Later, in question period, UVSS chair Dayna Christ said the board has not discussed its intention as a whole.

Christ said a series of forums on the Constitution are being arranged to help inform students about the reform package.

Brian Webster, Student Union Building administrative co-ordinator, gave an update of how SUB businesses are doing.

He said Cinecenta had a bit of a slow start, but the arcade is doing quite well.

Director of academics, Julie Hewlett, said, "There have been reports of a lot of money changing hands downstairs around the pool table," and joked about the UVSS getting a cut as the house.

Webster also said that although it was a bad financial year for the UVSS, it was far better than the year before, and "we are back in the bank's good books again."

In a finance committee report, director of services Kelly Greenwell said at least $40,000 has to be slashed from the current draft of this year's budget.

He said, "The cutting knife is going to happen in the next couple weeks."

Christ gave an organizational development committee report including a motion to approve an increase of the graduating class fee from $10 to $20, an increase already approved by referendum under the graduating classes constitution.

UVSS bylaws were also amended to make it possible for co-op students away on work terms to vote in board of director elections, UVSS general meetings and referenda.

Another motion passed was the acceptance of the resignation of board member Elanne Grose, who recently, "freed [herself] from this mind-numbing institution."

Grose's resignation opened a position for a director on the organizational development committee. Unfortunately, nobody at the meeting volunteered to fill the vacant posting.

Greenwell said he would do it, but resource co-ordinator, Chris Devlin, pointed out that it is always the same people volunteering their time.

"It would be nice if a few other people started saying 'yes'," said Devlin.

There was also a notice of a motion for the next meeting, to hold a by-election to replace Grose.

During the meeting, nominations were opened for students at large on the following committees: speakers planning, President's advisory committee on equal rights and opportunities, and search committees for a dean of science, a chair of Physics and Astronomy, a Vice-President academic and provost, and an economics department chair.❑

The Board of Directors is elected by the student body each spring for the following academic year, as representatives of the UVic Students' Society. Paid members include the chair and three executives (finance, services, academic). Directors are required to sit on committees pertaining to student and administrative concerns. Their budget is the sum of student fees.

BoG Makes motions, studies prof, and demands UVSS resolve dispute

by rkwong

The Board of Governors met Monday, Sept. 13 and discussed the following:

The BoG noted half of the 68 faculty appointments in 1991/92 were women; however, there were only two women of 10 appointments in the science and engineering departments

Dr. Sculley, VP Academic, pointed out there were a "lack of suitable candidates" and in certain positions there were "no women candidates."

The BoG said the Engineering Students' Society, a body unrecognized by the BoG, must resolve its funding dispute with the UVic Students' Society by Feb. 28, 1993.

The ESS charges its members a $10 per term voluntary fee.

Its members, in two general meetings, have voted almost unanimously for these fees to be collected by the university.

"a lack of suitable candidates"

Sheila Collyer, university secretary, recommends the BoG should "reconsider the Engineering Students' Society and other society requests" for university recognition and fee collection.

The UVSS and the ESS were not invited to present their cases to the BoG.

In an in-camera session, the BoG suspended an education professor with pay.

A special committee has been set up for dismissal procedures of Rey Carr, a professor in education for 20 years without holding a doctorate.

The committee is expected to meet later this fall.

Several other resolutions passed included purchasing policy changes, Dunsmuir Lodge lease renewal, five year capital plan amendments, and electing Doug Enns as BoG chair.❑

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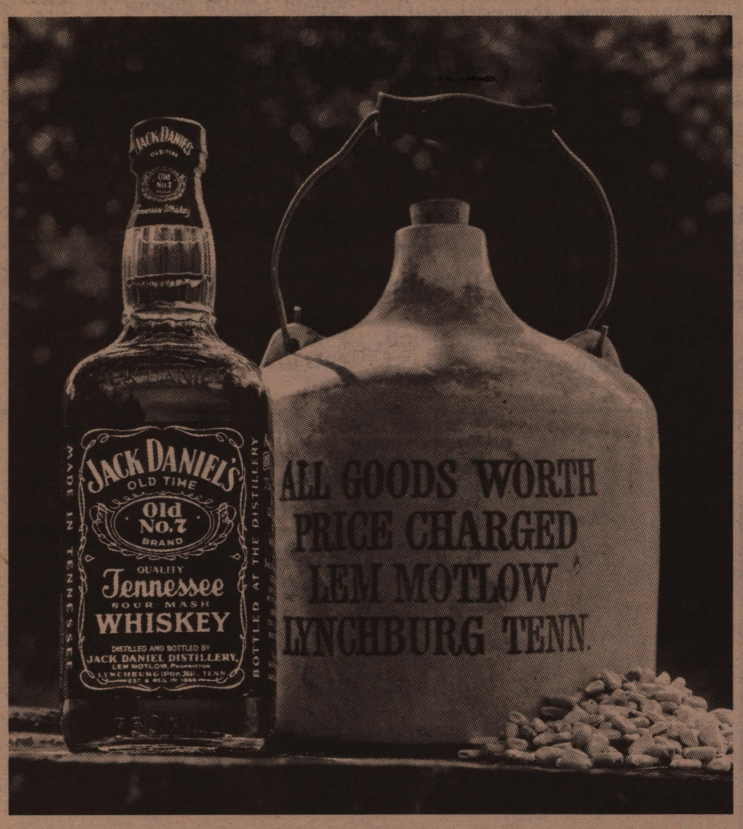

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• NEWS •

Self government: Native law

by Alisa Smith

At a solidarity benefit last Saturday night, the spokesperson of a Vancouver Island nation said he hoped for the beginning of a dialogue between Natives and non-Natives.

Peter Knighton, brother of the chief of the Qwa-Ba-Diwa, had only a few words to say at the YWCA/YMCA auditorium gathering, but they were carefully chosen.

"I hope that through diplomatic channels we can come to an agreement [with the B.C. government]."

The Qwa-Ba-Diwa and Laich-Kwil-Tach nations have joined together in the struggle to be recognized as sovereign states.

"There is nothing for my people in self-government, Canadian style ... [band councils] are under the colonial system still. That's why we cannot endorse the First Nations Assembly," said Chief Russel Kwasistala of the Laich-Kwil-Tach.

The Qwa-Ba-Diwa have already begun blockades around their traditional homeland.

"How far are we prepared to go?" said Terry DeLine, Qwa-Ba-Diwa minister of external affairs.

"We will take it as far as we have to ... We will do whatever we have to to protect our sovereignty and protect our forests."

The claim area covers the Carmanah and Walbran valleys.

Chief Kwasistala was very clear in his final address to the assembly about the supportive course of action the Laich-Kwil-Tach would take.

"We will also defend the land of the Carmanah valley and the Walbran valley ... with our laws, not the ones of the government of Canada or the government of B.C.

"We have worked to prepare ourselves should B.C. and MacMillan Bloedel wage war on us. I am prepared to die for my people," he said.

The two nations have prepared a North American support network, at the ready should conflict prove necessary.

"Enough is enough and we are prepared to take out those weapons if that is what Canada wants"

Kwasistala said, "I have been assured by American Indians, Mohawk warriors, Ojibway [and others] that they will come and assist us.

"Enough is enough and we are prepared to take out those weapons if that is what Canada wants."

DeLine said the Qwa-Ba-Diwa are trying to co-ordinate their efforts with the Laich-Kwil-Tach, but the two nations have some differing viewpoints.

"We don't have a beef with Fletcher Challenge or MacMillan Bloedel. They are acting within the legal boundaries [of Canadian law]. Why would I want to start a war with them?" he said.

He said he would have to talk to his people about their next step, as blockades are obviously not working - witness the arrest of Chris Parry, a non-Native protected citizen of the Qwa-Ba-Diwa.

Non-Native support is welcomed by the Qwa-Ba-Diwa, as are new members to the nation; at the moment, some of them make up the Tree Clan - the state police.

As the Qwa-Ba-Diwa have to rebuild the structure of their government due to the erosion caused by Euro-Canadian culture, they are using whatever works for them, DeLine said.

They are using colonial governmental titles and the facade of their mechanisms to make it easier for the outside world to communicate with them.

Names like Minister of External Affairs allow non-Natives to go through the channels they are accustomed to - this convention may or may not be maintained, depending on how well it works out for the Qwa-Ba-Diwa.

They are also adopting an eastern clan system to give women a greater say in government.

Therefore, women are the keepers of the land, the men the fishers and hunters, and both tasks are equally honourable.

Women choose the clan chief, whose duty is to present the consensus-reached views of the clan in negotiations with other clans.

Women have the power to oust chiefs who do not properly represent the clan.

"It gives women a much more powerful voice," said DeLine.

Recognized sovereignty for the Qwa-Ba-Diwa would not mean a lot of changes for the people of B.C., he said.

Carmanah provincial park, and Port Renfrew - both in the claim area - would go on essentially as they are now, only under their protection instead of the B.C. government's.

The Qwa-Ba-Diwa will soon be returning to the Carmanah, the site of their ancient village."

DeLine said he does not forsee the fragmenting of B.C. due to Native land claims, as there are only about nine nations in B.C. in the unique legal postion of not having signed away their land by treaty.

The Qwa-Ba-Diwa will soon be returning to the Carmanah, the site of their ancient village.

Deline said he sees the dense temperate rainforest as the perfect place to hide the Qwa-Ba-Diwa resistance in the face of the Canadian government denying their claim of sovereignty.

"It would be like chasing Geronimo. You'd never find them."❑

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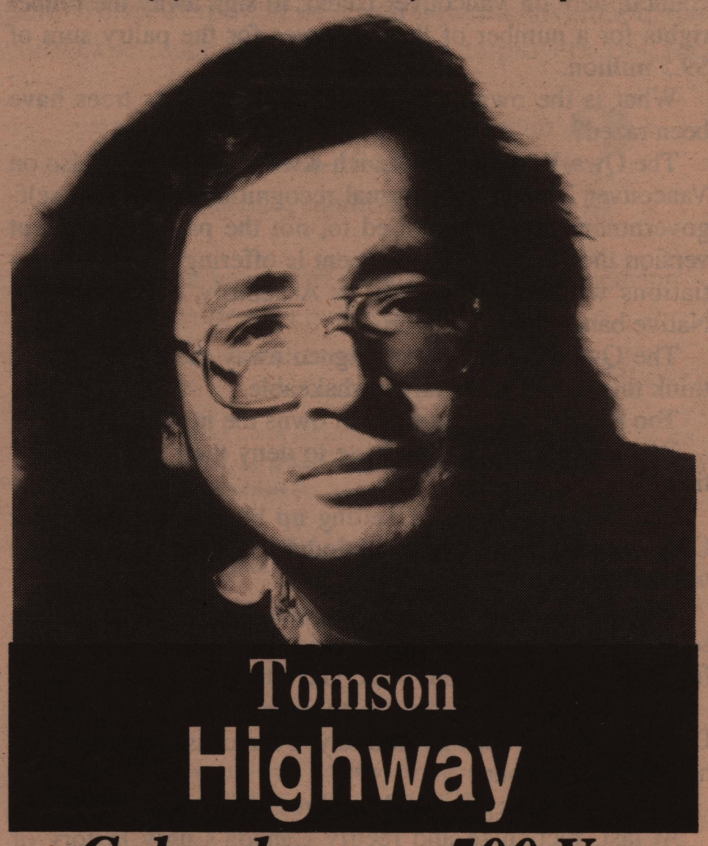

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Lindsay snatches your sodden cone, and promptly devours it in one big gulp, chewing with an open mouth, enjoying your hungry observance.

My, Lindsay, what a big mouth you have. You sure look smug with ice cream smeared all over your chin.

What's that? You didn't steal the ice cream cone? But we can see the evidence right on your face - how can you tell such blatant lies?

The government of Canada is a lot like Lindsay, only grown up and a whole lot meaner.

All the land we stand on today was once, not so long ago, owned by someone else. The Legislative buildings, this campus, the place where your house sits.

The waterfront land once owned by the Songhees band is now commemorated by a luxury hotel and condominium complex which bears its name, an eyesore that few can afford to visit.

The once-lush land has been plowed into sculpted perfection, and a small Romanesque statue pompously spouts water with chlorinated delight.

The Canadian and B.C. governments managed to wear down and coerce many Native nations into signing away their land, "legally" and permanently - as if tricks, lies, and bribes can be called legal means.

From the 1920s to the 1950s, Native Canadians were not allowed recourse to the law system that bound them. They were not considered to be part of the legal definition of person.

But never mind that. Think now of all the Native groups who never signed away their land.

Yes, there are still a significant number of these bands in B.C. That must be why the provincial government is filled with such fear, hastily calling for the formation of a treaty commission.

Come, Indian, sign away your land.

They must feel the mood is right, what with all this generous talk of self-government, which is shaping up to be on the scale of responsibility akin to, say, Saanich municipality.

Come, trust us.

The government recently convinced the Ditidaht band council, here on Vancouver Island, to sign away the timber rights for a number of their reserves for the paltry sum of $9.5 million.

What is the ownership of the land when its trees have been razed?

The Qwa-Ba-Diwa and Laich-Kwil-Tach nations, also on Vancouver Island, want formal recognition of the real self-government they are entitled to, not the pale, washed out version the Canadian government is offering through negotiations with the First Nations Assembly, a group many Native bands do not support.

The Qwa-Ba-Diwa never signed away their land. You'd think this would be legally unshakeable.

Too bad the B.C. government owns the justice system.

What incentive do they have to deny their own jurisdiction?

The Qwa-Ba-Diwa are setting up blockades around the Carmanah/Walbran, their traditional lands, set to be logged with all due haste.

They are sovreign, oh Canada, they have the right to true self-government, British Columbia. Uncross those judicial fingers from behind your back, and admit it.

Will the RCMP be sent in to repress them? The army? Don't think it would be unlikely. Fear causes strange and horrifying reactions.

Join in the struggle, not the oppression.

At last, recognize and rectify Canada's ugly history of denial and injustice.

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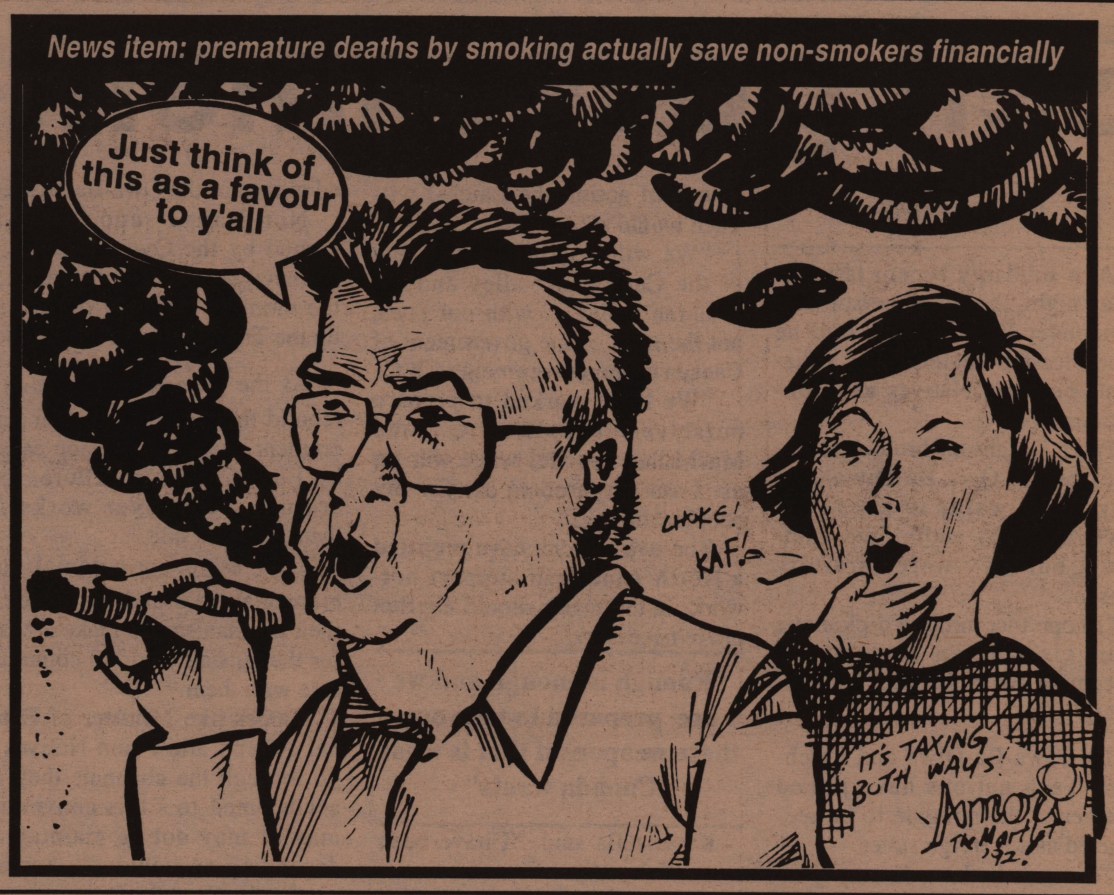
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LGBA pivoting

Editors:

This is pivotal year for the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance and we want to encourage the LGB community of UVic to show it's support by attending our first General Meeting of the year on Thursday, Oct. 1 at 12:00 noon, in room 137A of the SUB. Our main goal this year is to heighten our profile as a way of making fellow LGB's aware of our supportive presence and as a way of providing the community at large with a positive role model as a way of dismantling homophobia and hetrosexism.

In a tangible sense this means offering ourselves for speaking engagements to high schools, promoting gay-positive information to high school and university students alike, and ensuring our presence on campus. Our Resource and Drop-in Centre is a step in that direction, but we also need to change our status from that of a club to that of a subsidiary organization of the UVSS. This is no tall order as we think it within reach. What we are doing is intended to be for the good of all lesbians, bisexuals, and gay men at UVic, to help us break through the invisibility and negativity that trouble all of us at some point or another, and to build a healthy environment for us at UVic. The only impediment to this is student support: so please come out and let us exchange views and offer suggestions. See you there!

Jennifer Pacholok
Brian Young
Co-chairs, LGBA UVic

Protest Voiced

Editors:

In the Sept.17 issue of The Martlet, the "Take Back the Night March" was discussed as the topic of an editorial. As a human being capable of compassion and rational thought, I have great sympathy for women in their desire for safe streets. I must, however, voice my protest against the statement that "such a protest would be weakened by the inclusion of men."

Firstly, by excluding half the population on the basis as such an arbitrary distinction as gender, you are promoting the perpetuation of the notion that men and women are fundamentally different and therefore must be segregated - a misconception which is detrimental to the woman's movement. As well, this exclusion is likely to create a backlash against the women's movement. Women, as a historically oppressed group, should better than most other groups, realize that basesless exclusion from important activities will invariably create antipathy in the excluded group.

Secondly, by excluding half the population from this demonstration, you are reducing its effectivness as a vehicle to gain attention and to make your cause known. There are many well-intentioned men in Victoria whose voices should be a welcome addition to the movement to make the streets safe for women. Not only would such an addition swell the ranks of the march and of the women's movement in general, but would encourage other men to discard their macho blindfolds and recognize the need for change in the world.

Tobias Patton

No fleas on us

Editors:

So you have survived the first two weeks of school.

Hopefully you have a few courses that you want and have managed to get some of your textbooks. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone for a successful Week of Welcome. The participants of the All Ages A-Go-Go dance raised $1000 for the Women's Sexual Assault Centre. As well, we managed to have an outdoor concert without rain (and a flea market without fleas!). For those who have not received your UVSS calendar handbook , it's waiting for you at the Students' Society Resource Centre (near Cinecenta).

Most importantly, your Board of Directors encourages everyone to come and participate in UVSS and UVic Presidential Advisory commitees. There are tons of other ways to volunteer and get involved so remember: Apathy sucks.

UVSS Board of Directors

Point of information

Editors:

To clarify the Martlet report on last week's Board meeting:

1) My term on the Board of Governors ended last May: the issue I raised are projects I will be working on as a Director.

2)The UVSS hasn't set up a committee to deal with the implications of the Commonwealth Games nor have they opposed the Administration's dictatorial presumption that they can takeover the SUB. I'll be presenting a Policy Motion for the October 22nd General Meeting to ensure students remain in control of the SUB.

3)The Board's abuse of the "in camera" rules, Student Society Bylaw Five reads; "Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all members of the Student's Sociery, provided that the Board of Directors be permitted to move "in camera" in **extraordinary circumstances**. (emphasis mine). This is done to protect potential employees' resumes. Earlier this summer, the Board went "in camera" to discuss hiring a Native speaker. I was not present at the meeting but in my opinion this was done in secret because the previous Board has taken serious flak from Native groups on campus for not consulting with them. Increasingly the important business of Society is being dealt with in back rooms and being hidden from students. Previously all the discussions concerning the restructuring of the management, whether we needed a non-elected General Manager and other like issues were dicussed publicly with grassroots staff and student input. Students deserve no less today particularly while we're trying to deal with the $200,000 debt that the past few Boards have built up.

George S. Pringle
Director, UVic Student Society

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Western prof does study, raises academic eyebrows

by Derek McNaughton with CUP files

TORONTO - Three years after the publication of his controversial "race-ranking" study, University of Western Ontario psychology professor Philippe Rushton is again raising the ire of the academic community.

This time women are the target.

Rushton and Western zoology professor David Ankney have completed studies which they say show women to have smaller brains than men.

The studies allege that women's brains are on average 100 cubic centimeters, or about eight per cent, smaller than men's, even after factoring in the differences of body size between the sexes.

Ankney argues the discrepancy could account for the statistic that more men go into mathematical and spatial sciences than women. Results of the studies will be published this month in the scientific journal, *Intelligence.*

Opposes the growing move to ban 'offensive' materials

This is not the first time Rushton has felt the fire of angry critics. His race-ranking study, published in 1989, claimed asians are superior to whites, who are in turn above black peoples in areas of intelligence, lawfulness and sexual restraint.

Critical response, however, is exactly what is needed in today's era of freedom of expression, academics say. The Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship - a group of 40 Ontario professors - opposes the growing move to ban "offensive" materials.

Dr. John Furedy, a University of Toronto psychology professor, and director of TSAFS said everything should be open to study.

"The way to ignorance and totalitarianism is to forbid the raising of certain questions," he said.

"When you try to suppress the issue, you get a much more doctrinal and extreme version. The extreme conclusions brought on by suppression get preserved. For instance, when you ban a book, it becomes more popular because you've banned it."

"You can't prevent people from articulating their beliefs."

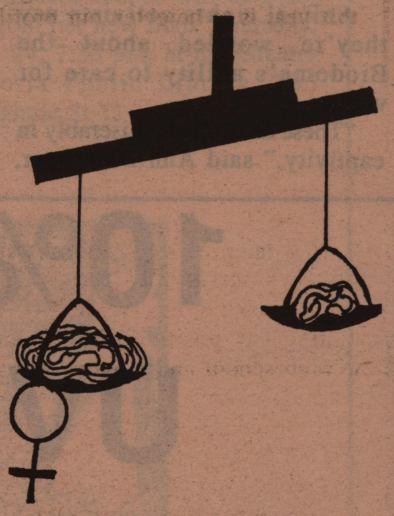
Dr. Neil Wiener, a York University psychology professor, called studies like Rushton's and Ankney's "bio-politics," which have been going on for 2000 years.

"You can't prevent people from articulating their beliefs," Wiener said. "The real issue is, does anyone want to fund it?"

He dismissed the studies as "ridiculous" and "unoriginal".

"[Rushton] and his friends boldly go where many have gone before."

"In the 19th century [scientists] were trying to relate brain size to body weight. This unfortunately showed that women have larger brains than men, so that formula was quickly abandoned." ❑



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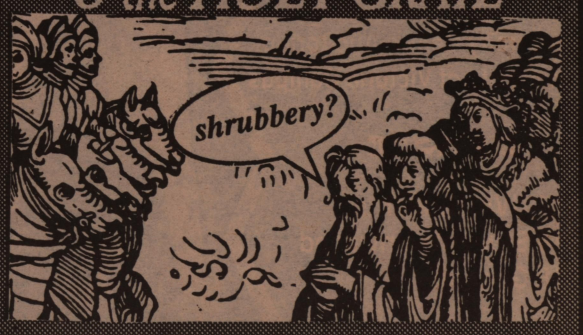

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RCMP admit error

OTTAWA (CUP) - Admitting it bungled an investigation into an alleged rape case last fall, the RCMP has charged three men with sexually assaulting a fellow student, in a campus residence at the University College of Cape Breton.

A woman first went to the Sydney, N.S. RCMP detachment and reported the alleged assault in September 1991. Police rebuffed the woman, and told her there was not enough evidence to lay charges against the three men she accused.

Instead, they charged the 19 year-old woman with public mischief - a charge later dropped for lack of evidence.

Now, police admit they made a mistake.

On Sept. 11, Halifax Mounties tossed out their earlier decision not to proceed with the case. Two former students and one returning student have now been charged with sexual assault.

"We admit the whole thing was not handled right," said Sgt. Bill Price, an RCMP spokesperson. "She should have her day in court."

When the woman originally approached police, one RCMP officer repeatedly told her she had not been assaulted, the woman said in a statement last fall.

"He used words like 'baloney' and 'bull' when I tried to explain what happened," she said. "He threatened to humiliate me further if I did not cooperate by changing my story."

The woman's lawyer, Elizabeth Cusack Walsh, said her client was not surprised the three students were charged.

"We knew there was enough evidence," Cusack Walsh said.

The lawyer said the RCMP officer who charged the alleged victim with public mischief should be disciplined.

According to RCMP, the force is reviewing its handling of the case, but an internal investigation has not been launched.

Donald Fewer, the school's dean of student services, said the university could mete out its own punishment if the students are found guilty.

"According to the school's judicial code, any student charged with an incident at the university or at a university-related event could be punished," Fewer said.

Punishments range from a mere fine to an expulsion.

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Captivity bad for belugas

by Damion Stodola

MONTREAL (CUP) - Animal rights activists and opposed city councillors are blasting a museum's plan to capture and display beluga whales.

Montreal's recently opened Biodome wants to net five belugas from Labrador's Churchill Falls estuary in 1993.

Animal rights activists say they're worried about the Biodome's ability to care for whales.

"These animals do miserably in captivity," said Ann Doncaster, director of the International Wildlife Coalition of Canada.

"In the past 25 years, only 10 belugas have been born in captivity. Of these, eight have died," she said.

Doncaster, who has witnessed the capture of a whale, said the methods used to collect whales are cruel. "The operation is equivalent to a northern marine rodeo," she said.

"The whales are confused, separated, roped and jumped on."

Andre Malouf, director of information for the Urban Animal Advocates, said belugas, obviously, are too confined in tanks where they can swim only 30 meters in any direction.

"It's dangerous and damaging to whales," he said.

Biodome officials say belugas are an important symbol of the St. Lawrence ecosystem, and an excellent way to educate a whale observing public.

But Doncaster said captive whales don't provide any real educational benefit.

"As of yet, there has been no proof that whales in captivity provide any educational value whatsoever," she said. ❑

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Bar in different State of Mind

by Aaron E. Boles

State of Mind, a Vancouver group, is not a bar band in the everyday sense.

The music they played at Felicita's on Saturday night was lively, and they made an effort to develop a rapport with the crowd.

Unfortunately, the songs carry messages that don't get through to people who've had four pints at the bar and are trying to remember the punch lines to their favourite jokes.

State of Mind sound at times like a non-acoustic Spirit of the West.

There aren't any mandolins or penny whistles - but singer Vic Wayne's voice carries an urgency reminiscent of Spirit of the West.

Many compare them to the Northern Pikes, although the similarity is only in the music, not the lyrics.

State of Mind may well be concerned with issues, but they maintain an engaging upbeat style.

As a live act, they're better suited to concert halls than bars - it is a waste to simply use them as background music.

The vocals became layered at times, as bassist Matt Holden and Steve Monteith on lead guitar, join with Wayne to create a familiar Canadian-sounding harmony.

Bruce McKinlay's drumming was not the standard snare drum, bass drum, hi hat combination - it was complex drumming akin to what Stewart Copeland did for The Police. As far as the tide of new music goes, State of Mind is not on the cutting edge.

Wayne said he just doesn't really care anymore about keeping up with trends in music, as he's much more interested in putting out material he feels passionately about.

It appears to be a formula that works - in 1991, State of Mind became a three-time winner at the West Coast Music awards.

Their album, The Road Inside, has also been released, and a cross-Canada tour is in the works.❑

Haunting WW II film is a jewel

Europa
Lars Van Trier, director
1991

by Matthew Ramsey

Every year brings reams of cinematic garbage, but if you look hard enough and are willing to sit through countless films, you may find a gem amongst the rubble.

Europa is a diamond.

It is the tale of an American conscientious objector who goes to a war-ravaged, post World War II Germany to work on Zentropa Rail as a conductor.

Shot in black and white with the occasional colour overlay, Europa is a haunting, disturbing view of a post apocalyptic society boiling with hatred and struggling to correct itself in a storm of confusion.

The switches from black and white to colour, and vice versa, serve to heighten the feeling of madness and a population-wide sense of insecurity.

A sense of being involved in a story that is big and terrifying is instilled in the viewer with the various shots of the trains exterior as it looms over the audience, threatening to charge over the seats and crush the crowd.

The American, Leopold Kessler, sees the horrors of wartime Europe through his travels.

Kessler becomes the unwitting tool of an anti-American occupation force, the Werewolves, when he becomes involved with the daughter of the Zentropa Rail owner.

During his conductor examination - a ridiculous concentration on useless detail and outdated protocol - he cracks under the strain of his conflicting roles of conductor, husband, anti-occupation activist, and unwilling informer to the American forces.

He screams, "I feel like I've been screwed since I got here!"

Unfortunately for Leopold his suspicions are correct.

Max Von Sydow narrates the film and drags the viewer into a hypnotized state of disbelief as its intricacy unfolds before the audience.

The opening scene of the rushing tracks beneath a train and Von Sydows' deep powerful voice urging the audience to relax and slip deeper into your seat provides an awful sense of dread.

You are about to be exposed to things that you don't want to see, told things that are too horrible to hear, and like the insanity of war itself, the train barges on into the blackness.

Don't expect to understand the picture after the first viewing. Don't expect to be unaffected by its images.

Don't expect to be the same after *Europa*.

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by Elanne Grose

It was the third day of September classes. As I was making my way across campus via the university gardens, the same question that plagues me every September was pressing me again.

Why am I here? It wasn't a flash of existentialist angst or a regression to Philosophy 100, but rather an acknowledgement that each year something inside of me seriously questions the validity of a university education.

Yet, for some reason I continue to come back.

However, the feeling was more persistent than before, and my ability to stomach the information rammed down my gullet, only to be regurgitated later, was quickly fading. As I attempted to find an answer, I came up with a mental list of reasons to drop out and reasons to stay.

Reasons to leave came easily.

As a third year anthropology major I never found the classroom to be a forum for expressing my own views and opinions. No critical analysis had ever been expected of me, and each passing year my classmates and I appeared to be systematically losing grip on independent thought and creativity.

We were becoming passive receptors of stale ideas. Our opinions were given up in the pursuit of objectivity, an ideal most of us realized does not exist.

Never did I hear anyone question the power structures inherent to anthropology - a discipline where a person from one, often privileged group, studies people from another, often exploited group.

"No critical analysis had ...er been expected of me..."

Nor did I hear anyone question whether marching into another culture, studying human beings as if they were beetle larvae, dissecting their entire way of life, slapping on some labels, writing and publishing a book with information provided by those people, and then presuming to be the resident expert on that culture, might be racist.

Nobody ever talked about the inverse equation which results from this patronizing relationship: one group's independence and self-determination declines, and another group's ego and income increases.

I have often heard how much anthropologists do for the native peoples of various areas. Indeed, how noble and big of them to help those "other people" get out of problems created and perpetuated by us.

One day in class, I worked up the courage to put forth the notion that we might want to start really listening to people from other cultures, not in order to classify their experience, but to learn from it and change ourselves.

I suggested we might do this by listening to primary accounts, or by reading a book written and published by someone from a different culture. Perhaps, I added, it would be useful to look at our position as westerners and Europeans in this white- supremacist world.

I was met with a few vacant stares, and heard mutterings of objectivity, cultural relativism and codes of ethics, and left with the impression that anthropology would remain static.

Qualitative changes would render anthropologists unnecessary and unemployed. Besides, we have sociology to study ourselves. Anthropology is for studying other people.

The only apparent control I had was to decide whether or not I wanted to be a part of such an inflexible discipline.

Of course there was the option of entering another field of study. However, from my limited experience in other departments, I knew that each had at least as many flaws.

Anyway, I already had another major - women's studies. Granted, the women's studies program is conducive to a certain amount of discussion and analysis. The knowledge and empowerment I developed through the program will be an asset.

However, one must closely examine the limitations of a women's studies program operating within a state owned, male-dominated institution such as UVic.

As women entering women's studies, many of us were making sense of our own experience for the first time. This will definitely remain the most valuable education I gained at university.

But we were not just any women. Most of us were women from privileged backgrounds. The fact that we were trying to make sense of less privileged women's experiences with little or no contact with these women only reinforced our elite status.

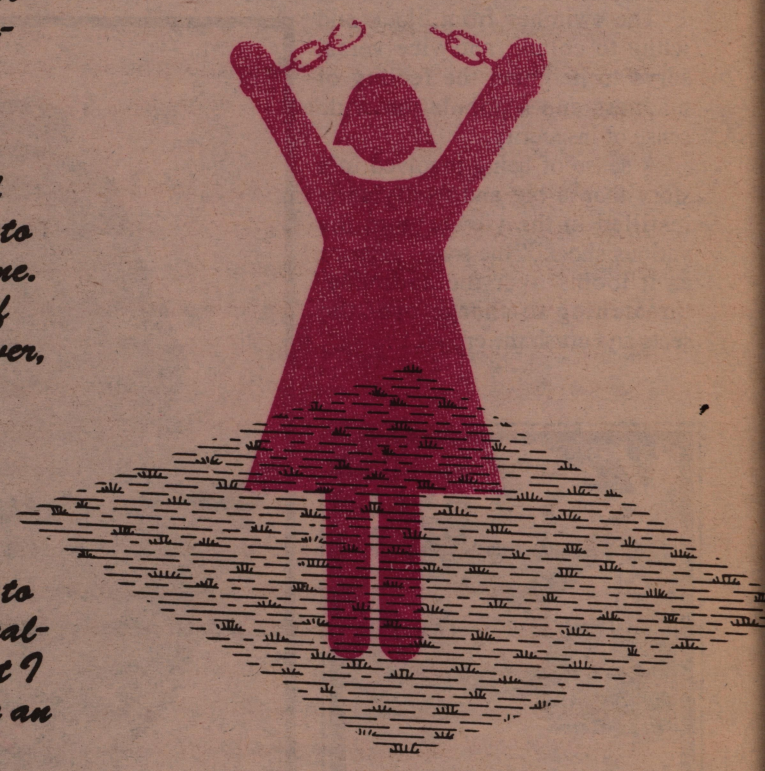
More than once I have felt both pretentious and elitist due to my place amongst these halls of academia. One particular incident remains fresh in my mind.

While I was in the throes of writing a paper on the economic situation of women, a close friend phoned to chat. She does not go to university. She is a single mother on social assistance. She said she felt she had been prostituting herself from man to man since a very young age in order to survive economically. She said my independence was one she had never known.

I got off the phone and felt as big as my thumbnail. My paper was trivial. There she was, the sacrificial lamb, the fuel for my political fire, who had to live the shit, while I sat on my sorry ass and wrote about it.

So again I asked myself, why am I here?

From a purely Gloria Steinem/new age perspective I looked within myself and saw being at university was making me incredibly unhappy. The discord produced by the inconsistencies of my beliefs and my actions was nauseating.



As someone who believes the state is inherently corrupt, and its reform is not the solution, how could I reconcile my attendance at an institution whose sole purpose is to provide the state with pacified cogs in the wheel?

In the midst of writing essays and papers about the woes and problems of the present world, and possibilities and hopes for the future, I had fallen into the role of a theoretical feminist.

I had forgotten that the key part of activism is acting.

While I was safely tucked away in the crevices of my own cranium, wait-

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ing for some nebulous Marge-Piercy-land to happen, life was going on for most other people in the real world regardless of my intellectual exploits.

I had failed to realize it was possible to start living the way I wanted, and create spaces where human interaction and control over our own lives is a reality. A world where life is actually productive rather than abstract. Where community is a priority rather than individuality.

"How can we expect to achieve qualitative change in the world..."

In a society ruled by technology - bank machines, answering machines, fax machines, video games, and drive thru fast food - human interaction is decreasing rapidly. Isolation is an effective tool for maintaining and strengthening the status quo. University is an effective tool for maintaining isolation.

Most of us rarely even get to know the people sitting next to us in class. With the onslaught of papers, readings and exams we don't often have time for those who are important to us.

If we add our political activities to all this, it often means no spare time at all - for anything or anyone.

As for myself, I was immersed in a movement intent on bettering the situation of women. Ironically, I found myself with little or no time to listen to or acknowledge the important women in my life. There was no time to listen to an elderly aunt, who knows very well how society treats older women, or a close friend, who is a single mother on welfare and has a very clear analysis of the position of women and mothers in our country.

How can we expect to achieve qualitative change in the world if we don't have the time or ability to listen to and learn from one another? Since university is the domain of the privileged, it is rare that we actually ever hear from the people who really need the changes to happen.

How many of us ever step away from the ivory tower to head down to Streetlink and hear about what life is like for a person working or living on the streets?

How many of us ever listen to a woman speak about staying with an abusive partner, due to the economic violence she faces if she doesn't stay?

How many of us are aware of the extent to which language barriers and unfamiliar customs keep people alienated and lonely, yet do nothing to make people feel welcome and accepted?

How many of us have taken the time to visit with an elderly person and realize what a wealth of knowledge and experience they have?

How many people have listened to a Native person speak about living and surviving in this glut of urban decay?

I'm sure that many of us have written papers or taken 'political' action around these issues, but if we can't be there to listen to and learn from the people who know from experience, then everything else seems rather meaningless.

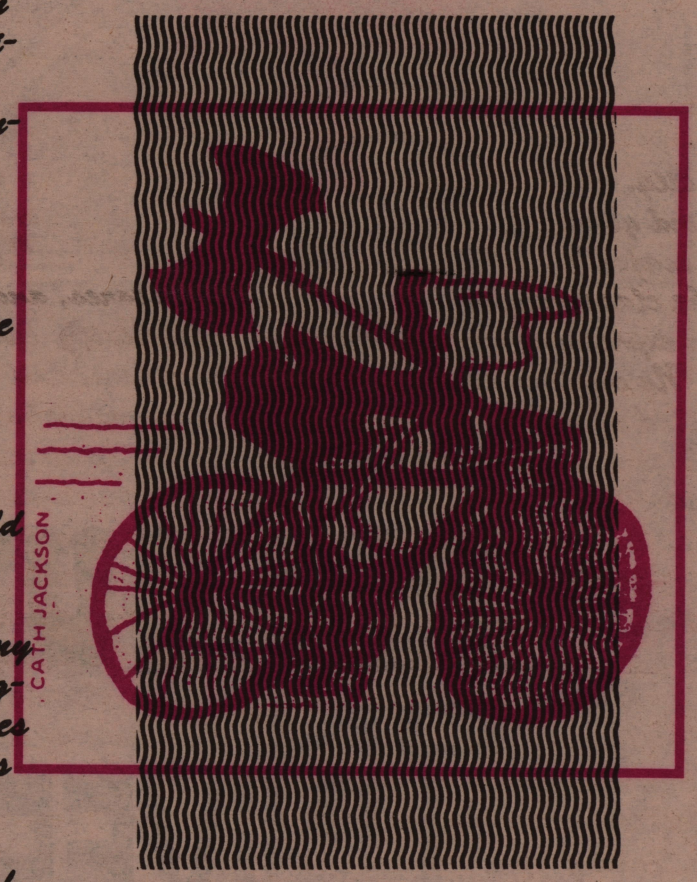
It is an important political act to start connecting with other people and for those of us in positions of power and privilege to start stepping away from them, give up some control, shut our mouths, and start letting ourselves learn from other people.

Sounds simplistic? Possibly. But perhaps if we didn't complicate things so much the world wouldn't be so fucked.

Now that it was so apparent to me why I should leave, reasons to stay were somewhat more elusive.

Was it that despite my conclusions I was still clinging to some wide-eyed, sixties style idealism that students were on the cutting edge of social change? Doubtful.

Was it because a part of me still wanted a BA to fall back on? There are enough people with BA's, who are waiting on tables to know that even if this was the case it would be little more than a comforting delusion.



"It was another case of knowing, but not acting."

Was it a fear of failure in my families eyes? Fortunately I come from a long line of sales clerks, mechanics, homemakers and loggers, who don't really give a damn about a university degree.

So what was it that kept me here? Two things: fear and laziness.

I had been at school my whole life. Saying good-bye to that part of my existence meant moving in unknown directions. School is easy. It's easy to just keep going through the motions, incurring a huge debt to the government and remaining within the protective confines of Ring road.

I realize a certain irony in my conclusions. Had I not gone to university I may not have come to see things in the same light. There are some people within this institution who have played a large role in forming my opinions. And I am surprised by friends who don't understand how I can be so critical of something that helped shape my outlook.

I'm not denying that my time at UVic was of some value to me, however entering into a career and realizing the shortcomings and limitations of it is hardly unheard of.

One only needs to look at the forestry industry to see that there are many people involved there who see how fundamentally flawed the industry is. Some decide to stay on and change it from within, and others choose to leave. The same applies everywhere else.

We all have to find our own niche. In our struggle for social change we must all discover where we will do the most good. For some that means being a feminist educator, lawyer or doctor. For others, like myself, front line work is a better approach. What it comes down to is that there have to be people working on all fronts.

As I reviewed my mental list it became increasingly apparent that I had known the answer to my question for some time. It was another case of knowing, but not acting.

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Rogers far from quiet

by David Clements

"It seems the older I get, the less I have to say."

Offstage, Garnet Rogers relaxed and sipped on a mug of Earl Grey tea.

His mood ranged from humour to righteous indignation while he awaited the start of his Sept. 17 Newcombe auditorium show.

He peppered his speech with wit and poignancy.

A comfortable personality, he is mellow when discussing most subjects, but don't ask him about signing on a major label.

"As soon as you get on a major label, everyone wants to piss in the soup, producers ... everybody," said Rogers.

Rogers said he was distressed by the commercialization of folk music.

"Take my friend Mary Chapin Carpenter. They're fucking with her music, it's depressing. We don't need another Melissa Etheridge, topless on an album cover. We need more Ferrons."

Rogers has toured extensively over the past few years. He plays about 100 to 150 dates a year, and the numbers have been even greater in the past.

After 20 years in the music business, Rogers shows no sign of mellowing out.

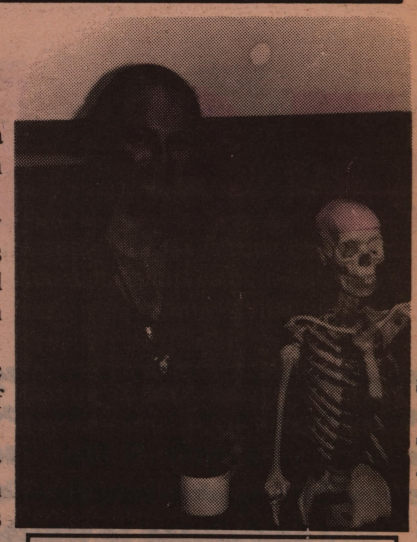
He spent nine years accompanying his brother Stan Rogers. In the nine years since his brother's death, his music has grown both more personal and more political.

He is Canada's answer to Billy Bragg, singing of the joys and hardships of the common people.

"I'm honored to be compared to him [Bragg] but I don't think I deserve it. He's fearless. I have hangups, I have insecurities," said Rogers.

Onstage, Rogers is no different - when he's not playing, he's sharing his experiences.

His words cover many topics: from Reagan to railroads, from public nudity to sewage treatment, he never fails to offer a fresh insight.



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Garnet Rogers was all guts at the Newcombe September 17

It's hard to believe that Rogers only started writing his own songs two years ago, on the Small Victo*ries* album, as his lyrics display wisdom and experience.

At some points in the concert, the audience was moved to tears, and at others, ready to explode with rage.

"Stars in Their Crown" is a touching ode to an elderly couple in a restaurant.

In a subdued tone, Rogers sang of watching them hold hands, and share a dessert on one plate.

At other times, Rogers was on fire with fury and indignation.

"Election Night in North Dakota", from his new album, *At a High Window* - released on the night of his Victoria concert - is a condemnation of the "rich only" health care policies in the United States.

Rogers said he wrote the song in 1984, after the re-election of "President Pruneface," but it has taken him "eight years to calm down enough to perform it."

Calmed down? Not exactly.

This was the only occasion in the concert when Rogers' rich bass-baritone approached the point of cracking with emotion.

He bellowed to all the true observation: "There's just one thing this country can't forgive, that's the sin of being poor."

Rogers closed the show with characteristic modesty. "I'd like to thank all of you for coming here and putting up with all this nonsense."

The show could hardly be classified as nonsense. The sustained applause of the packed house confirmed that. If you missed the performance, be sure to catch him next year. You won't regret it.❑

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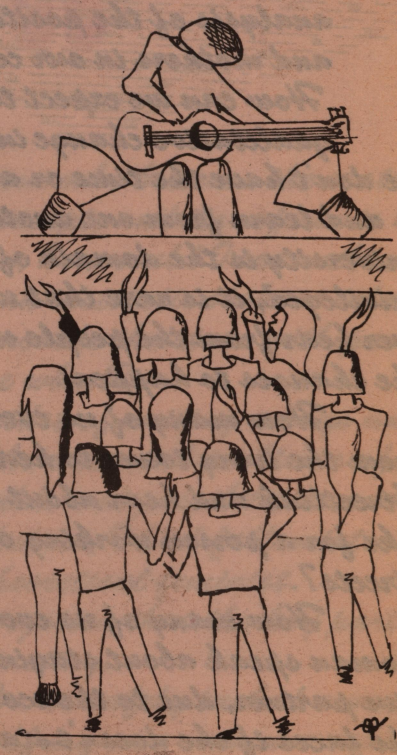

• ARTS •

Strange Attractors is a minefield of literary sci-fi

Strange Attractors
by Tom Henighan
Tesseract Books
220 pp.

by David Leach

Science fiction short story collections are particularly susceptible to the scattershot success of their individual parts.

In a more conventional collection of short stories, the reader generally knows after the first few stories whether the rest will be brilliant or downright dogs. Not so in sci-fi.

Tom Henighan's *Strange Attractors* is a good example of this phenomenon.

Perhaps it is due to the difficult marriage of a confining form with a very specific content. The writing of a sci-fi short story is in many ways like the composition of a sonnet ... the author is faced with the task of saying what they want to say in a fixed amount of space.

The sci-fi writer, in contrast with other short story authors, must not only tell an interesting narrative in this confined space, but must also create a unique and convincing world to set this story in.

There is no longer the novelist's comfort of having 300 or 400 pages in which to design an entire cosmogony, build new races and technologies, and solve the puzzles of interstellar travel and politics. If it's not done in the first couple of pages the story will fall on its face.

Which brings us to Tom Henighan's collection, published by Tesseract Books, Canada's only major science fiction publisher. Henighan teaches courses in mythology, science fiction, fantasy and creative writing at Carleton University. He can certainly tell a good story. However, even this natural ability does not always protect him from falling into some of the traps contained in his genre.

Henighan seems more comfortable with speculative fiction rather than hard sci-fi. His confidence in his material tends to weaken the further he ventures away from contemporary events.

"The Trophy" is set in the ice-locked hinterland of what was once the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. Central to the action is the conflict between the father who hunts in this wasteland and the son who visits him from the more leisurely cities of the South.

The background to their emotional struggle is the confrontation of a near future with a distant past, the inevitability of change and the slow fading of history. (The "trophy" is an ice-encased specimen of early humankind. found by the hunter and coveted by anthropologists from the South).

The best piece is "Boxcar," a disturbing story about a man trapped (imprisoned?) in a darkened boxcar. The reader is vicariously immersed in his paranoia and despair. The story builds to a Beckett-like absurdity as the man experiences either mental illumination or deterioration-or possibly both:

"The drilling noise is gone now. In its place I hear a rattle of words, desperate voices, disguised as the clatter of wheels, endlessly turning in the long night. My own voice is there, with all those others: together we are hurled forward, toward the same destination, made unique by our precious, by our half-garbled stories.

"I lie here and feel my body dissolve in the darkness. Imagination is everything."

Other stories, however, barely get off the ground. There is an embarrasingly silly piece called "Visiting Mother" about Mother's Day and matricide that should have never made it past the editor's desk. The longest story, the novella-length "The Book of Tobit," is a post-apocalyptic tale of a farmboy's sexual maturation that reads more like the mutant love-child of *Mad Max* and *Who Has Seen the Wind?*

Often the template of contemporary social events over which Henighan writes his stories becomes a little too obvious. In "Tourists from Algol" and "Perfect Place" he painfully wants to write about environmental issues and sexual politics respectively and gets dangerously dogmatic. Also, he stumbles when he tries to get too high-tech: "domed cities" and "rocket chess" generally make one cringe and think of corny Tom Swift adventures.

Still, there is much to like in Henighan's book. His writing, for instance, and his carefully detailed characterizations. Add to these the many mythical and Biblical echoes that subtly flesh out the stories' meanings. *Strange Attractors* can be a good read—you just have to approach it like a minefield - try to avoid the real bombs.❑

Poet urges political action

by Calinda Brown

Elizabeth Woods' wish for "a sustainable lifestyle based on values other than purely economic ones" is more than just pipe dream.

Her new book, *If Only Things were Differrent (I): A Model for a Sustainable Society,* is a collection of ideas and theories, many of which are currently popular with the mainstream media.

"My contribution brought [these ideas] together and shows how they are inter-related," Woods said.

She said, "Everything I describe is do-able today. What we need in order to bring them into being is the personal and political will to do so."

Woods learned firsthand by being active in politics at all levels, and said she is shocked by the attitude of voters.

"They elect people to represent them and then sit back and criticize."

There needs to be more involvement - particularly at the municipal level, which affects people most directly, Woods said.

Woods is confident her book will be a good reference for anyone who wants to change things, and encourages them to get involved in the political process: write a letter, call your local council, or join a committee.

Elizabeth Woods will be reading from her new book Thursday, Sept. 24, 7:30 pm, at the Greater Victoria Public Library, 735 Broughton St. ❑

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• SPORTS •

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Monsoon season no stress for Vikes, They're ready to kick varsity butt this year

by Andrew Duffy

file photo

While the Island prepares itself for the impending monsoon season, rugby clubs throughout the Vancouver Island Rugby Union are preparing their troops for the long hard drive to the Island Rugby championships.

The University of Victoria has been one of the most dominant forces in the VIRU for the past several years and this year will be no different according to UVic Junior coach David Scott.

Scott, who has sucessfully guided three UVic under-19 sides to the provincial crown during his tenure at the university, sees definite promise in this year's version of the club.

"We are a very young club," the affable coach admits, "but while our oldest players may only be 22 or 23, they are indeed a very skilled bunch.

"The Vikings are a good side this year," Scott confides, "though they may be a bit small in the forwards. Their backs are again a well skilled group and they work with some real flair."

But while Scott has noticed the the strength of the varsity squad, the abilities of the other three teams has not gone unnoticed.

"Both the Norsemen and Saxons, the two second division sides, are strong this year," Scott says, "though the Saxons have looked a little better thus far. The Saxons are basically last year's Jutes (the under-19 side) who went through the season undefeated to the provincial final."

After the first two weeks of the season the Saxons sport a 2-0 record while the Norsemen have fallen to 0-2. The Vikings are 0-1 in first division play after dropping a heartbreaking 17-15 decision to Cowichan on Sunday. This past weekend the Saxons beat Cowichan's second division side 17-15 while the Norsemen were defeated by the Nanaimo Hornets 32-26.

The Jutes, although not having played a game as yet, appear to be a strong side again, according to Scott.

"They look to be a pretty talented bunch," Scott said of his young charges, "and I'm sure they will be anxious to carry on the winning tradition here at UVic."

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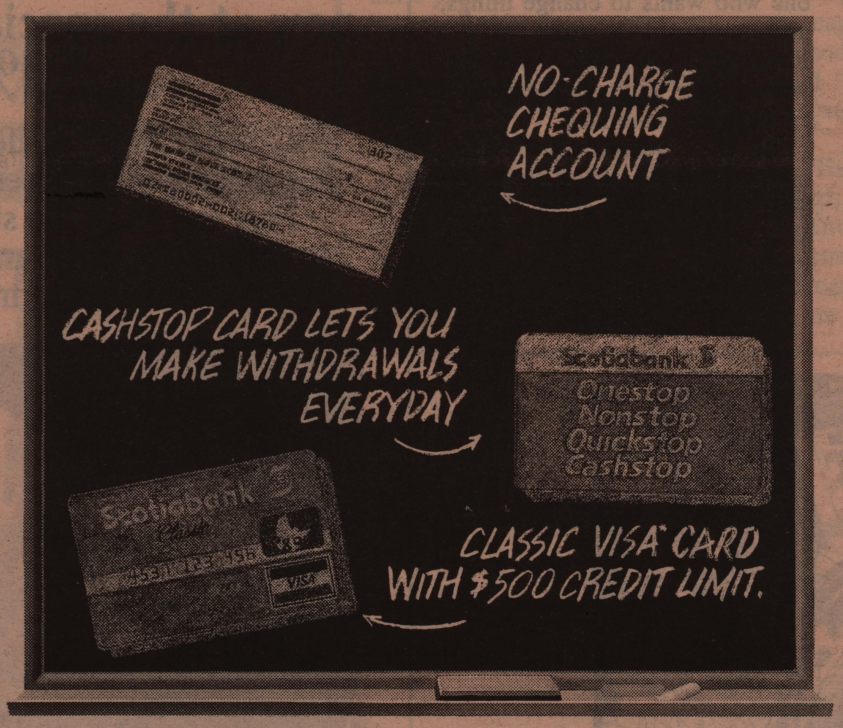

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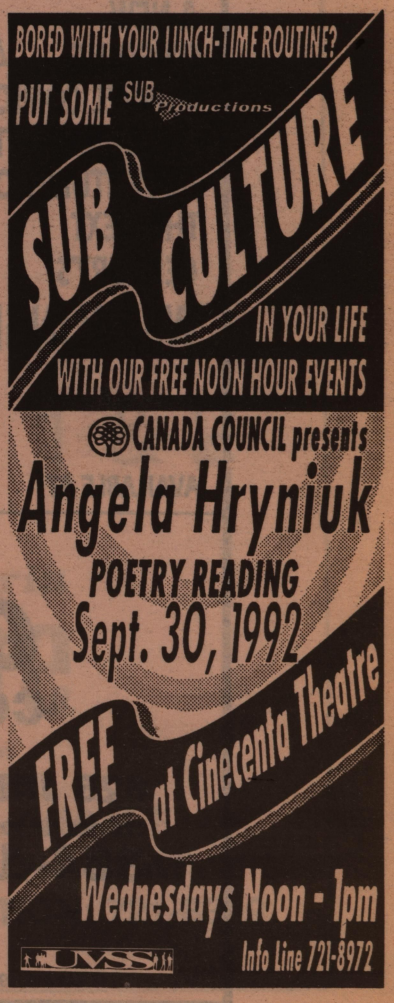

• SPORTS •

New turf for Vikes

by Calinda Brown

Lynne Beecroft, the University of Victoria's women's field hockey head coach, is really proud of her athletes.

They have managed to prepare for the upcoming season without the use of their pitch.

"I admire them for being able to put up with the conditions," Beecroft said, "and still practice and train as hard as they [have]."

The team's old grass pitch was torn up, and is being replaced by a university competition-level Astroturf pitch lubricated with sand.

The construction was supposed to be finished by Sept. 1, but it is still far from being completed.

At press time, turf had been laid across the first tenth of the field. Before the field can be used the rest of the turf must be laid, touch lines added, and the sand spread on top for lubrication.

"There may be more bodies with abrasions and cuts," Beecroft said, "but most [of the players] would probably take that chance to play on this calibre [of] surface."

To prepare for the upcoming season, the team has been forced to practice at the Gordon Head tennis bubble.

The less than ideal conditions have taken their toll on the team and their equipment.

The floor's uneven cement finish has reduced the player's sticks to toothpicks.

To compensate the players, an agreement between the construction company, the Commonwealth Games committee, and UVic Athletics will provide the player's and their coaches with new hockey sticks.

The team has also been practicing on the Landsdowne High School fields.

Beecroft said the change from quality fields to those of a high school has been most noticeable for athletes returning from the Olympic Games in Barcelona.

"I have two, possibly three Olympians returning," Beecroft said, "and they have had to go from the best surface in the world to the worst."

"I admire them for being able to put up with the conditions."

The UVic pitch is being built by the Commonwealth Games committee, which is strange considering there are no team sports in the Commonwealth Games.

They originally promised to line the middle of the new warm-up track with Astroturf to help pay for using UVic facilities, but it was too expensive.

Instead, the committee agreed to replace the existing hockey pitch with an astroturf one, at an estimated cost of $500,000 - $600,000 dollars.

Once the pitch is in place it will be there forever, said Beecroft.

The new pitch will help Beecroft attract top-quality recruits from around the province. Other universities in B.C. have access to Astroturf pitches, but UVic athletes will be practicing on them everyday.❑

file photo

Climbing gets hand hold

by Andrew Duffy

Although he is an admitted beginner, the vice-president of the University of Victoria's first rock climbing club said he is keen and anxious about the inaugural season of the club and is looking forward to a successful first `kick at the can'.

John Lironi, a fourth year arts student and his partner David Doll, the club's president, have organized a rock climbing club to accomodate the sports' increasing popularity at UVic.

"We realized, although we are very new to this sport that there was a great interest here at UVic," Lironi says, "so we thought that if there was a club newcomers and experienced climbers could join which could offer access to facilities otherwise unavailable. There would be a unique opportunity for the sport to grow at the university.

"For example, right now there are no facilities for climbers to use during the winter months," Lironi explained. "That is one of our goals; we would like to see an indoor facility eventually built for our use.''

However, that is not the only goal of the club, in fact it is just the tip of the iceberg.

"During our first year, we want to lay the groundwork for administration, figure out the financial requirments and work on fitting excursions to Squamish into the budget," Lironi said.

The club does have some big plans, Lironi admits, but said he believes that their goals are neither unrealistic nor unattainable. In fact Lironi expects the enthusiasm of the club itself to carry much of the load.

"We have had an absolutely excellent response to this point," Lironi said. "We kept our exhibit open for just two hours during club's day and we had 62 people sign up, and from all indications there is a tremendous amount of enthusiasm about this project."

The club hopes to increase its already impressive membership numbers during this year and next year. But before they look at the coming years the club is intently looking forward to their first year of activities and events.

If anyone has seen climbers climbing their way up or along the Cadboro Commons building and they think they might be interested, call John or Dave at 744-4146.❑

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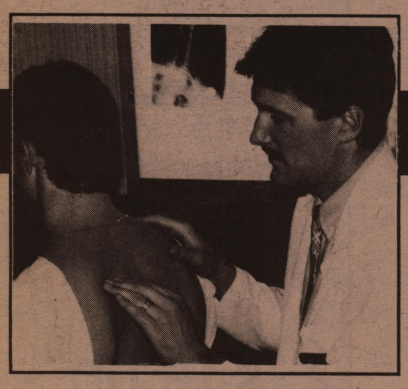

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Person with access to video camera lights and editing for promo tapes. See Job order #326 at student Employment. UVic.

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HAPPY BIRTHMONTH, RUPERT (have steamroller, will travel)

GOLD EARRING. On campus, phone Louisa at 477 - 8293.

COUNTRY-MOUSE needed to share walks on beach and pumpkin-seeds.

A BIG THANK-YOU to everyone who helped me the night of my "faceplant" in the bookstore parking lot - especially to Rory, Holly and Jill. - Andrea.

AUDITIONS

DO YOU THINK YOU'RE FUNNY? Well do ya? If so auditions for improv Comedy group ON THIN ICE happen tonight and Friday, 6:45 p.m. in the James Bay Community Center. For more info call Scott at 361 - 4205 or talk to Will in the library.

Charges Con'd from page 8

UCCB's interim president William Gallivan said the alleged incident has heightened awareness of safety for women among students.

Over the past year, the school has started to educate students about "acquaintance rape" and the dangers of alcohol abuse while on dates, Gallivan said in a statement.

The three men charged are: George B. Power, 19, of Stephenville, Nfld., Perry S. Winklemann, 24, of Calgary, and Paul R. McInnis, 23, of Burlington, Ont. The men will be arraigned in Sydney on Oct. 29.

Power has returned to UCCB this year, but McInnis and Winklemann have not.

The woman also has not returned to the school. ❑

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THURSDAY 24

WANT TO GO OVERSEAS - information session with Canadian organizations who provide work and volunteer opportunities overseas. 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Cle C112. For info call 385-2333.

LECTURE

PETER RUSSELL - will speak on his views of current times and humanity's place in the universe 8:00 pm at the Begbie Building Room 159, tix are $12. For more info call 383-1913.

READING

ELIZABETH WOODS - released her new book *If Only Things Were Different.* Victoria Public Library, 735 Broughton Street at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY 25

SEMINAR

DR. MACKAS - biology talk on zooplankton cycles off Vancouver Island. 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Cunningham Building, Room 146.

SATURDAY 26

FORUM

CHILD POVERTY - "lets beat poverty" week, featuring education, workshops, and action. George Jay School, 1118 Princess Ave., from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

SPCA - annual coffee party, "speak for those who cannot speak for themselves." From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St Mary's Church Hall, 1701 Elgin Street, Oak Bay.

MONDAY 28

LECTURE

COUNCIL OF CANADIANS - Mel Hurtig author of "the Betrayal of Canada" will be speaking on mastering Canada's Economic and Political Crises at Newcombe theatre 7:30 p.m.

GEOGRAPHY - Dr. Porteous speaks on a geography of being. 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Cornett B145.

MALAHAT REVIEW - celebrates 25th Anniversary with readings by P. K. Page, Constance Rooke and Patricia Young. 2 p.m. in the Graduate Student's Building multipurpose room.

WEDNESDAY 30

SEMINAR

LOWFAT THINKING - fat storage and fat metabolization. 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more info call 382-4604 or 721-1983.

READING

ANGELA HRYNUIK - Canada Council sponsored reading on new book and poetry. 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at Cinecenta. For more info call 721-8972.

LECTURE

DR. GEORGE BASS - speaks on the bronze age shipwreck at Ulu Burun, Turkey. 7:30 pm at the Newcombe Theatre, 675 Belleville Street.

DANCING

FOLK - DANCING taught for beginners and intermediate dancers. $2 for the evening. Willows School, 2290 Musgrave St. Information call, 598-6688 or 595-4293.

UPCOMING

DR. ZAKI - Will speak on the two faces of angiosperm pollen. Oct. 2, 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Cunningham Building, Room 146.

NOON FILM SHOW - Log Driver Waltz, Jacks or Better, The All-Sooke Day Story will be presented Oct. 1 from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. in the Central Library Multipurpose Room.

SIERRA CLUB - presents Elizabeth May author of Paradise Won, who will lecture at Begbie 159, Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Cost is $5 for students, $2 for members. For more info call 384 - 1654.

ART SHOW - Opening night Friday Oct. 2, 7 p.m. at Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Third Floor, 535 Yates St., Victoria. For more info call 361-9433 or 361-9441.

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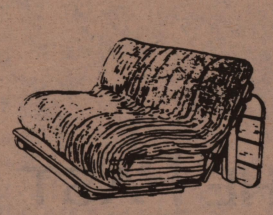

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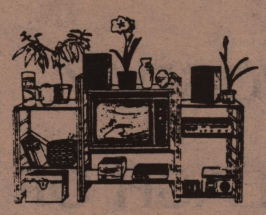

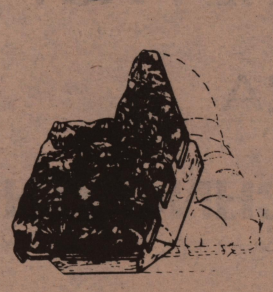

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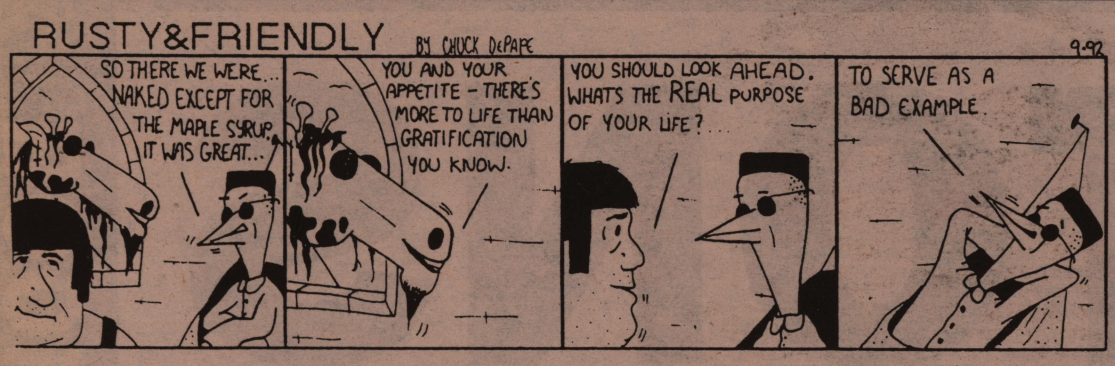
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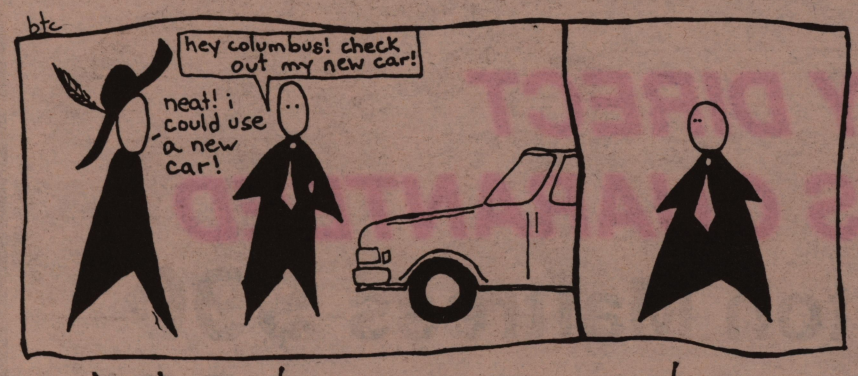

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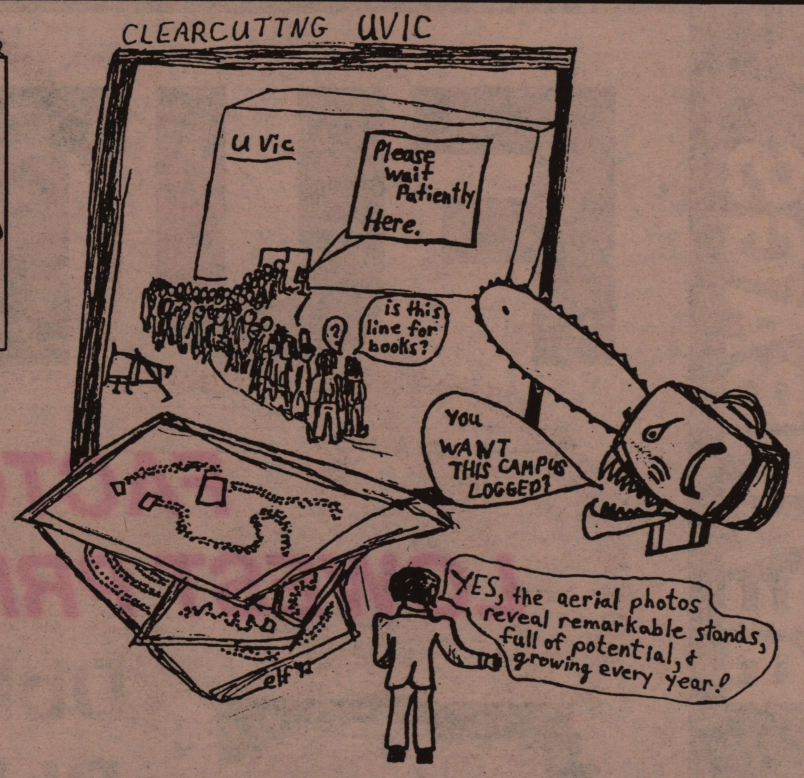
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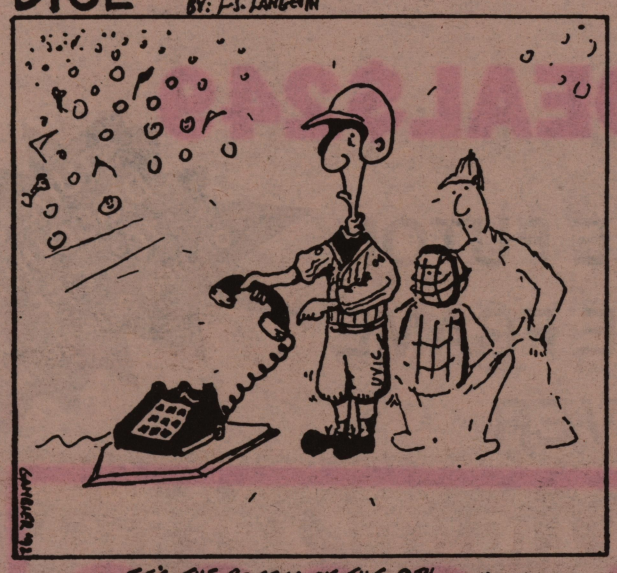

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Clubs Calendar

UVIC JUGGLING - Want to amaze your friends and be the life of the party? Then come on out and learn to juggle. All skill levels welcome, from absolute beginners to experienced buskers. Its free and all equipment is provided but bring along anything you wish to juggle. The juggling club meets every Monday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Gordon Head Complex studio and on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Mckinnon building's apparatus gym. For more info call Rich at 361-4997 or Sean 721-4280.

WE WANT YOU! - The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance of UVic is a social outlet, support network, and political forum for bisexual, lesbian or gay students and faculty. Whether you're just coming out or have been around the block a few times and want to find out what is going on and get involved. LGBA General meeting for those who want to help out. Need more info? Phone at 384-2562 (Brian) or 370-2469 (Jen).

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL - first meeting will be held on Thursday Sept. 24 at 5:00 pm, Cle C305. Everybody welcome.

MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION - Welcome tea on Friday Sept. 25 at 4:30 pm, Cle C305. Everyone welcome

UVIC AIKIDO CLUB - meets Thursday mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and Friday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 both in the Apparatus gym of the McKinnon building.

GENERIC TWELVE STEPS - persons interested in forming a generic 12 step meeting, open to A.A.'s, N.A.'s, O.A.'s, A.C.A.'s, E.A.'s, etc., for the fall semester, please call Bill at 595-3676.

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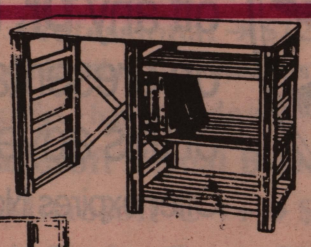

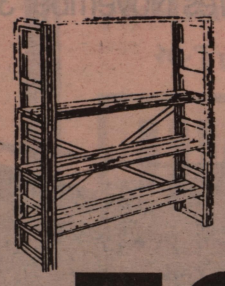

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